

Amendment to Claims

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this Application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A plural-story building structure comprising a pair of vertically spaced stories including a lower story and a higher story, with each possessing a normal full plate-height (P_H) internal volume, and with the lower story additionally being characterized by an internal volume which is defined, at least in part, by an unimpeded full plate-height, wherein a full plate-height story P_H is defined as having a height extending from a building-story floor elevation to the building-story ceiling elevation for any story of the building, and wherein said building-story floor elevations and said build-story ceiling elevation are those elevations coincident with beams in the plural-story building structure, and a utilities-conduit containment space in the form of a sub-story disposed independently and directly vertically intermediate said lower and higher stories, possessing a less than normal full plate-height internal volume, having height H_2 , which lies wholly above the lower story and wholly below the higher story, said sub-story being constructed and arranged to contain utilities-conduit structure relevant to the supply of utilities services upwardly from said containment space toward said higher story, with related utilities services supply to said utilities-conduit structure extending thereto in a manner avoiding any presence within the mentioned internal volume of said lower story, wherein H_2 of the sub-story does not diminish P_H of the full plate-height internal volume.

Claim 2. CANCELLED WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Claim 3. (ORIGINAL) The building structure of claim 1, wherein said lower story is a ground-level story.

Claim 4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A plural-story building structure comprising a pair of vertically spaced stories including a lower story and a higher story, with each possessing a normal full plate-height internal volume, having a height P_H , and with the lower story additionally being characterized by an internal volume which is defined, at least in part, by an unimpeded full plate-height,

a utilities-conduit containment space in the form of a sub-story disposed independently and directly vertically intermediate said lower and higher stories, possessing a less than normal full plate-height internal volume, having a height H_2 , which lies wholly above the lower story and wholly below the higher story, said sub-story being constructed and arranged to contain utilities-conduit structure relevant to the supply of utilities services upwardly from said containment space toward said higher story, wherein H_2 of the sub-story does not diminish P_H of the full plate-height internal volume,

utilities-conduit structure disposed within said containment space including supply-input portions adapted for connection to related utilities services supplies which are external to the building structure, with such connection adaptation accommodating interconnection between said utilities-conduit structure and such external supplies in a manner avoiding any presence

within the internal volume of said lower story.

Claim 5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The building structure of claim 4, wherein said containment space includes a water-impervious lining to prevent any liquid drainage taking place from its internal volume to that of said lower story.

Claim 6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A plural-story building structure comprising a vertical stack of stories including plural normal-height stories, having height P_H , and disposed vertically intermediate at least two of these stories, a less-than-normal-height sub-story, having height H_2 , with the lower one of said at least two stories possessing an internal volume with an unimpeded full plate height, and,
an internal volume of space formed in said sub-story constructed and arranged to contain utilities-conduit structure relevant to the supply of utilities services upwardly from said sub-story toward the higher one of said at least two stories, with related utilities services supply to said utilities-conduit structure extending thereto in a manner avoiding any presence within the internal volume of the lower one of said at least two stories, wherein H_2 of the sub-story does not diminish P_H of the full plate-height internal volume.

Claim 7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A plural-story building structure comprising a pair of vertically spaced stories including a lower story and a higher story, with each possessing a normal full plate-height internal volume, having height P_H , and with the lower

story additionally being characterized by an internal volume which is defined, at least in part, by an unimpeded full plate-height, wherein a full plate-height (P_H) story is defined as that height extending from a building-story floor elevation to the building-story ceiling elevation for any story of the building, and wherein said building-story floor elevations and said build-story ceiling elevation are those elevations coincident with beams in the plural-story building structure, and

a utilities-conduit containment space in the form of a sub-story disposed independently and directly vertically intermediate said lower and higher stories, possessing a less than normal full plate-height internal volume, having a height H_2 , which lies wholly above the lower story and wholly below the higher story, said sub-story being constructed and arranged to contain utilities-conduit structure relevant to the supply of utilities services upwardly from said containment space toward said higher story, with related utilities services supply to said utilities-conduit structure extending thereto in a manner avoiding any presence within the mentioned internal volume of said lower story, wherein H_2 of the sub-story does not diminish P_H of the full plate-height internal volume,

said containment space including a water-impervious lining therein to prevent liquid drainage taking place from its internal volume to that of said lower story.